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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jaffee et al

Art Unit: 1771

**Serial No. 10/717,802**

Case Docket No. 7303

Filed: November 20, 2003

Examiner: Torres Velazquez, Norca Liz  
August 25, 2006

**For: METHOD OF MAKING TOUGH, FLEXIBLE MATS AND TOUGH, FLEXIBLE MATS**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

**Preliminary Amendment**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006, please amend the first paragraph of page 1 the specification, and the claim 1 as follows: